

# Big Canoe & Highland Lutheran Churches

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## NEWSLETTER

November WORSHIP TIMES

Joint Services at Big Canoe - 10:00 a.m.

### Thank you!

- To all who gave items for the Furniture Resource in Cedar Rapids. There was a good variety and we needed two trailers. Good job!
- Dee and Emma made it to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with 22 twin size quilts and 8 small ones, 374 yards of material and some children's books for the women's shelter.
- To everyone who contributed to the LWR kits this year. Highland assembled 24 school kits, 17 baby care kits, 7 personal care kits and 6 fabric kits. We greatly appreciate all of your generosity!

**Reminder** that Bazaar funds are due as well as Thankofferings. Please give them to your circle treasurer or to Deb Monson, WELCA Treasurer by November 6<sup>th</sup> as we give your money out by November 16<sup>th</sup>. Highland's Thanksgiving Offering goes to the Decorah Free Clinic.

**Offering boxes** are here for 2023. I will do them the same as last year unless someone wants something different. If so, please contact Virginia at 507 450 3878. Also please write the amount of your offering next to the \$ sign instead of an X or check mark.

### CONFIRMATION

Glenwood Church - month of November

Month of December - Wednesdays  
6:00 p.m. at Big Canoe.

Exception of December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Luther League activity and Christmas  
Party at Big Canoe, 6:00 p.m.

### Shared Ministry meeting

Sunday, November 13

2:30 p.m. at Washington Prairie

This will be an activity planning meeting. Individuals will work together in small groups to plan an activity for 2023. Possible areas of interest: Youth Group, Choir, Communication, Men's group, social time, etc.  
More details to follow.



**Memory Lights.** The white lights at the church this year will be lit again by Gary & Bev Stortz, Mitch & Amanda Stortz, and Mark & Michelle Borreson in memory of Michael Stortz, Brady Stortz and Nathan Borreson. The blue bulbs on the bushes at the entrance of the church may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one for \$5.00 per bulb. Please send a list of loved ones, along with the number of bulbs that you wish to purchase to Big Canoe Lutheran Church, Tree of Memories, 1381 Big Canoe Road, Decorah, IA 52101

**Luther League** - we will be asking the youth to participate in a Christmas program tentatively on Sunday, December 18th at Big Canoe. Practice dates are yet to be determined.

**Education Meetings**  
6:30 p.m.  
November 7<sup>th</sup>  
& December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly Sunday School**  
**family bag day**  
November 20th  
& December 18th

## **Big Canoe Lutheran Church Council Meeting, October 9, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Opening Devotions Led by Liz Schafer.

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Laurie Emery. \$5,142.06 on hand and all bills are paid. BCH Parsonage Account balance is \$4632.88 and all bills are paid.

**Unfinished Business:** Roof project is complete, with the exception of gutters and landscaping, A bid of \$7,500 was accepted to replace all gutters on the Church. The job is to be completed in late October by KT Gutters from Waukon. Gutters will be properly sized to match one another. Bill Stoen will present a request for a grant from the Depot in November to pay for the gutters.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the landscaping around the church once the gutters are hung. The Roofing Project is \$30,305.58 for the parsonage roof replacement and barn roof replacement. This includes:

- \$2000 to remove four layers of shingles and re-roof the custodian house
- \$68,536.67 to remove all shingles and re-roof the Church
- \$3,500 to remove old shingles and replace shingles on the steeple.

At present, we have received \$71,491.81 from the insurance company in net proceeds. Pat is negotiating with the insurance company for additional funding. There were several thousands of dollars in repairs that were not identified in the original quote. More details will follow. The Council Recognizes that not all of the costs associated with the work will be covered by the insurance proceeds. The cost of the custodian house will be paid from the church building funds. A quantity of the parsonage roof costs will come from the Parsonage Fund. The remainder of the costs are yet to be finalized for settlement. A proposal was made to pay for some

of the expenses from existing church funds. There is also approximately \$10,000 in unused funds from Depot Grants that have been received over the past 2 years. The Congregation will be updated as the process progresses. Please feel free to ask your Council Members for additional information.

#### **Upcoming Service Schedules:**

- November Services are at 10 AM at Big Canoe.
- December Services are as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December - Big Canoe at 9:00 a.m. and Highland at 11:00.
    - The Bishop will be at both Services.
  - Christmas Eve Services - Highland at 4 p.m.
  - Christmas Day Service - Big Canoe at 10 a.m.
  - The current proposal is joint services for the remainder of December at Highland at 10:00 a.m.
    - Joint Services in January at Big Canoe (Annual Meeting Month)
    - Joint Services at Highland in February (Annual Meeting Month)
    - If there are suggestions otherwise, please let the Council and Pastor Know.

A Financial Oversight Committee is being formed to manage existing funds and will be finalized at the Annual Meeting.

Confirmation is meeting on Wednesday evenings at Glenwood and Big Canoe.

Sunday School bags are available for pick up at the Church - contact Shelley, Liz or Tammy.

#### **New Business:**

We will be accepting lawn care bids for the 2023 year for both the cemetery and church grounds. If you know of an interested party, please have them contact the Cemetery Committee and Church Council.

We have arranged for pest control services at the Church.

We have contacted Casper Plumbing and Heating to service the church heating system.

Anybody interested in assisting with church maintenance as a paid position over the winter should contact a Council Member.

Council would like to remind everyone that coffee and bars are being served after the service the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December when the Bishop visits.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed. Next Meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat O'Regan, Council President

#### **Newsletter due dates – your help is needed.**

Items for the newsletter are being sent later and later each month. In order to allow time to organize, print, and prepare the mailing, it is asked that anyone wishing to have items in the newsletter, please email their items to the church email address of [bchlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:bchlutheran@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Exceptions are if a council meeting is held after the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone's help is appreciated.

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Hannah Circle 1:30 p.m. Big Canoe	4	5 LWR Truck 7:30 to 10:30 Olson Explosives
6 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Communion Highland Council meeting	7	8	9	10	11 Gather Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Highland	12
13 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m. Communion Shared Ministry meeting 2:30 – Washington Prairie	14	15 Big Canoe Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.  Newsletter items due	16 Big Canoe WELCA Noon lunch Meeting to follow Hannah Circle serves	17	18	19
20 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Big Canoe 10:00 a.m.	28	29	30			
December 4 Big Canoe 9:00 a.m. Highland 11:00 a.m. Communion Bishop at both services						

Big Canoe & Highland website:  
[www.bchlutheran.org](http://www.bchlutheran.org)



# ~ Shared Ministry Newsletter ~ November 2022



The Shared Ministry Group prepares an informational newsletter each month, which is available for churches to distribute to their congregations. The newsletter will include items of interest, worship times, and other pertinent information.

\*To submit information for the monthly Shared Ministry newsletter, please email Linda Folstad at [linda.folstad49@gmail.com](mailto:linda.folstad49@gmail.com)

By: November 6th for the December Newsletter



**You are invited** to join us for monthly Bible Study held at Highland Lutheran Church on Friday, November 11th at 9:30 am.

Discussions center around Bible Studies from **GATHER** Magazine, an ELCA publication. This is an informal Bible Study group where God's Word is explored through scripture readings and conversation in fellowship with folks from area congregations. For more information please contact Louise Jetson at 507-498-3216. Come and join us! All are welcome!



ECUMENICAL  
THANKSGIVING EVE  
WORSHIP

At Hesper Lutheran Church

6:30 pm Wednesday

November 23, 2022

Sponsored by Area Council of Churches



## Burr Oak Lutheran Church



### Meatball Supper ~ Drive Through

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 Serving 4—7 pm


**MENU:** Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie.

*Advance purchase of tickets preferred: \$15.00*

*Tickets available at Barney's, Letterwerks, Red Roxy Quilt Shop, KVIK and Burr Oak Lutheran Church members*

**Everyone welcome!**

# Worship Services in November

	<b>November 6</b> Daylight Savings time ends	<b>November 13</b>	<b>November 20</b> "CHRIST THE KING" Sunday	<b>November 27</b> 1st Sunday in Advent
Big Canoe Highland	10 am—Joint Big Canoe & Highland Worship at Big Canoe	10 am—Joint Big Canoe & Highland Worship at Big Canoe	10 am—Joint Big Canoe & Highland Worship at Big Canoe	10 am—Joint Big Canoe & Highland Worship at Big Canoe
Burr Oak Hesper	8:30 am  10:00 am	8:30 am  10:00 am	8:30 am  10:00 am	8:30 am  10:00 am
Canoe Ridge Glenwood	8:30 am 10:30 am	10:30 am 8:30 am	8:30 am 10:30 am	10:30 am 8:30 am
St. John's Hauge	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am

### BIBLE STUDY

Highland Lutheran Church currently hosts Bible Study the second Friday of each month at 9:30 am. If you are interested in being part of a Bible Study group but are unable to attend meetings at Highland please contact Linda at [linda.folstad49@gmail.com](mailto:linda.folstad49@gmail.com).

We would like to offer another meeting time and date if there is interest.  
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Beginning in October the NEIA Synod Star Newsletter will be digital and no longer mailed in bulk. Sign up on the Synod website to receive the newsletter digitally, <https://neiasynod.org/blog/newsletter> or contact the synod office to request that a copy be mailed out to you.



### *Burr Oak Lutheran Church*

### Advent Brunch

Saturday  
December 3rd, 2022  
9:30 am  
All are welcome!

### Future Dates:

**LWR INGATHERING:** Olson Explosives in Decorah—November 5th  
**SHARED MINISTRY MEETING:** November 13th

### Websites:

[www.ELCA.org](http://www.ELCA.org)  
[www.WomenoftheELCA.org](http://www.WomenoftheELCA.org)  
[www.NEIASynod.org](http://www.NEIASynod.org)  
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